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Applicant respectfully resubmits herewith the Response to Final Office Action that was timely filed on April 24, 2006, by certificate of facsimile under 37 CFR §1.8. This resubmission is made to correct a minor clerical error in the Response that has been noted. In particular, the Response has been corrected to show in strike-through the word "as" in line 12 of amended claim 1, on page 3 of the Response. This word "as" is to be deleted from line 12 of claim 1.

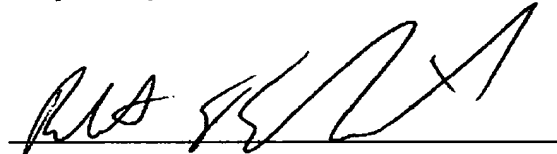
Extension Request and Fee Authorization. It is submitted that no fee is due with this Resubmission, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this Resubmission, including any necessary fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) for any necessary extensions of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), which are hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305.

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The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this matter, or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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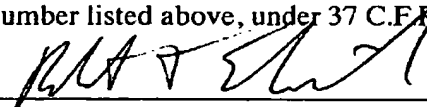
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on February 3, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claim 1 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Ohtomo et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,692,023, in view of *Brown*, U.S. Patent No. 3,967,111.

2. Rejected Claim 2 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Ohtomo et al.*, in view of *Brown* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Barna et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,452,666.

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3. Rejected Claim 3 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Ohtomo et al.*, in view of *Brown* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Akasu*, U.S. Patent No. 5,179,286.

4. Rejected Claims 4 and 5 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Ohtomo et al.*, in view of *Brown* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Haruyama*, Japanese Publication No. 10-285227.

5. Rejected Claim 7 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Ohtomo et al.*, in view of *Brown* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Ishikawa et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,891,624.

6. Rejected Claim 8 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Ohtomo et al.*, in view of *Brown* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Ichikawa et al.*, Japanese Publication No. 6-51062.

7. Found Claim 6 allowable if rewritten to be independent of the rejected base claims.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.